

IVI-IPO 2009 SUBURBAN TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS & MUNICIPAL MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS (CLERK OR TREASURER) QUESTIONNAIRE

DATE__March 6, 2009_____ CANDIDATE FOR__Northfield Township Collector_____

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CAMPAIGN MANAGER__Andy Chusid_____

NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED_slated at caucus__ NUMBER REQUIRED__0_____

WEBSITE:_northfielddems.org_____

Please provide the following background information:

Elective or appointive public and/or party offices previously held including dates.

- Northbrook Environmental Commission – Chairman
- Northbrook Bicycle Task Force - Chairman

Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.

none

Principal business, educational, professional and civic activities of the past ten years.

- Program Development Officer, Federal Transit Administration, US DOT
(Review transportation planning process and justification for federally funded projects; review procurements processes using federal funds; advocate and review special need transportation services.)
- Develop environmental programs for Village of Northbrook (e.g., bicycle plan and program, river cleanup, LEED, demoliton recycling, community garden, natural resource plan)

What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?

- Masters City Planning, 30 years US DOT, Chair Northbrook Enivronmental Commission

Activities for other candidates. Please be specific.

- Chair of Dan Seals Environmental Advisory Committee

Please list all endorsements you have received so far.

- I have been endorsed by Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, State Senators Susan Garrett and Jeff Schoenberg and State Representatives Elaine Nekritz and Karen May.

As concisely as possible, state why you feel you should be endorsed over the other candidate(s). What goals for the office you seek are most important to you personally?

- I should be endorsed because I can use my US DOT experience to identify wasteful spending for township roads and improve the effectiveness of road maintenance/operations programs. I will also be able to identify ways to improve transportation access to social services that our community needs.

What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date?

- The budget for the democratic slate of 7 candidates is \$25,000. We have raised \$15,000 so far. We have a fundraiser scheduled with Attorney General Lisa Madigan on March 23 where we are planning to raise a substantial amount of contributions to help fund our campaign.

How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list?

- The slate has one staff member and a list of over 100 volunteers.

1. What are your top priorities for this office?

My top priority as Collector will be to coordinate transportation services and operations between all units of local government, social service providers, and private sector resources within the township. I will work with other elected officials, the RTA and township staff to help make this information available to the public. I will also serve as an ex-officio member of Township Committees to help keep an environmentally friendly perspective on the actions taken by the township.

2. What changes if any would you propose to the current budget, both revenue and expenses?

- I would seek to improve the coordination between the township and other units of government and service providers in our area. By coordinating services with other units of local government the township can eliminate service duplications that cost the township and taxpayers extra money. I will look into the township's personnel and determine the factors leading to the excessive overtime that is currently being paid out and help identify other areas of wasteful spending to be reduced. I think that these actions can lead to a reduction in the township's tax levy while we efficiently provide the social services needed throughout the community in a cooperative manner.

3. a. Do you support affirmative action based on race, gender and sexual orientation in establishing criteria for hiring and promoting public employees?

- We need to hire people based on their qualifications. The public deserves the best value for their dollar and we will end the practice of handing out government jobs to friends and family members who may not be the most qualified applicants.

b. Do you support affirmative action as a criterion in letting contracts?

- The township needs to accept contracts that will perform the best quality, economical, and efficient job so that taxpayers receive the best value for their dollars.

4. Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of employees to institute gender-equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?

Yes

5. Do you support patronage in hiring and promoting public employees?

No

6. a. Do you support employing municipal/township staff who hold other public sector jobs concurrently?

No

b. Do you support employing municipal/township staff who have either outside employment or contracts with entities which do business with the municipality/township?

No

7. In what circumstances should the municipality/township contract for outside professional services and what criteria should exist for letting contracts? Please comment on any existing abuses and how you would correct them.

- I think the township should work with other units of local government when contracting services that are necessary to determine if cooperation and coordination can reduce costs or improve service. When the township does require contractors for engineering, auditing, or legal assistance, I believe that we should prevent contracts from being offered to anyone that is related to township officials or who has donated to township officials. In most cases, contracting needs should be discussed with overlapping units of local government to see if coordination is a possibility and we should always take environmental considerations into account in addition to low bid prices.

8. Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers or employees?

No I have not and I will not.

9. Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign?

The top contributions to the slate I am running on include:

\$5,000 – The Democrats of Northfield Township

\$500 – Tenth District Democrats

\$500 – Mary Reynolds

\$500 – Dr. Kathy Barth

\$500 – Tracy McCormick

\$250 – State Senator Susan Garrett

Additionally, we have received several donations from friends and family members averaging \$75 each.